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THE CORRESPONDENTS of several Western newspapers have published statements to the effect that the Secretary of State has been endeavoring to induce the President to request the resignation of the Attorney-General. We feel authorized to say that the Secretary of State has done nothing of the kind. Neither has any other member of the Cabinet given the President any such advice. While it is undoubtedly true that many of the performances of the Attorney-General have not been of a character to elicit the ardent admiration or the enthusiastic indorsement of other members of the Administration, nothing has as yet occurred in his conduct sufficiently grave to demand the heroic treatment rumored by the correspondents of Western newspapers. In fact, we feel warranted in remarking that the Attorney-General is viewed by the predominant influences in the Administration as an individual of decidedly pyrotechnic proclivities, given to going off, as it were, with loud noise and much flashing of prematurely-burned powder; but never loaded with ball cartridge or other dangerous missile. It is also tolerably plain to the other and more important factors of the Administration that the Attorney-General, having never before tasted the exhilarating nectar of power, is a trifle inebriated with the exuberance of his own conceptions of self-importance, and under such stimulus, has been led to advertise himself in the capacity of a great Reformer, not to say Savior of the Country, somewhat more extravagantly than the pressing needs of the public service would seem to demand.

But thus far the demonstrations of the Attorney-General under stress of this emotional pressure have served rather to amuse than to dismay his more conservative colleagues, and their inclination is to give him—as we advised a day or two ago—all the rope he wants; with a view, no doubt, to see how amiss the little cuss can be—as the late A. Ward said of his pet crocodile that he was training to walk on stilts. We hope this somewhat solemn announcement will for the time being serve to dispose of the absurd rumors set afloat by the correspondents of Western papers referred to. It is not altogether impossible that it may be a part of the Attorney-General's own programme to get himself forced out of the Cabinet just at this juncture in order that he may proceed to masquerade as a candidate for the Presidency on the strength of elaborate newspaper canonization as a martyr, who, having endeavored to reform things, has been sat upon by those vile men whom the prevailing corrupt state of American politics tends to uphold in high public place. If this be, as is suspected, a feature of the Attorney-General's own programme, we feel warranted in saying that he will not be accommodated. All that will be done to him, as the Administration is now advised, will be simply to prevent him from enlarging the sphere of his absurdity beyond the immediate confines of his own Department.

LE DUC is making rapid strides toward the governorship of Minnesota. His friends disclaim the idea that he wants voters to read the annual reports he has distributed. THE ST. LOUIS *Post-Dispatch* thinks that the terrible wind storm in Washington city the other night must have reminded old citizens of a Congressional debate on an appropriation bill.

THE political editor of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* has recently had his salary reduced. He spoke of Mr. Lang, "who ran as Lieutenant-Governor on the ticket with Ewing," and made Frank Hurd a resident of Cleveland.

WE observe that the young man who drew that capital prize in the lottery last month has gone to the White Sulphur Springs. The waters there are said to be very efficacious for long-pocketed young men.

CONKLING should take more pains in attending to and mending wire fences at Edgewood than in wiring and mending fences in Albany if he regards the health of his mare as highly as the prospects of his Senatorial success.

CHARLES FORSTER is said to be moving on the works of certain Ohio postmasters. If he has discovered a gun strong enough to blow an Ohio man out of office, Mr. Krupp, of Germany, would like to negotiate with him for the European use of the patent.

UP TO DATE we have seventy-two volumes of the trial of Whitaker, the cadet. They embrace 7,000 pages. The whole thing so far has cost over \$60,000. This country has undergone a great change. We can remember the time when a fine assortment of colored cars could be had for a much smaller sum.

CARL SCHURZ now expresses it as clerical positions here in Washington as soon as they are fitted for them. We nominate Carl as the proper party to undertake the education of the noble red man, and advise him to try his hand on Sitting Bull first. Carl will either raise the Indian's intellectual status or the Indian will raise Carl's hair.

IN ANSWER to the trouble that seems to beset the military mind of General Drum, all arising out of the fact that West Point is furnishing more men than the army can furnish holes, how would it do to suggest that some of our young men should resign and fight wild-fields instead of remain and fight easy chairs in front of the Elliott?

AS THE EXCURSION business has been such a disastrous failure this season at Coney Island, a new attraction has been added, which is proving to be unexpectedly remunerative. The invention is very simple and cannot be considered new, only claiming novelty for its application as a means of saving the fortunes of a summer resort. It merely consists in racing the steamboats. The passengers, sorely in need of a sensation, take kindly to the custom as an amusement benevolently provided to defeat enmi, a spirit of rivalry is roused, the bets are lively, and the crowd hails with delight the additional risk of being blown sky-high, thus ingeniously combined with the usual ample opportunities for explosion and collision presented to summer excursionists.

A WRITER from Long Branch is authority for the statement that the Grant cottage looks rusty and almost dilapidated, and it appears still worse because it stands next to Mr. George W. Child's cottage, which has been put in its summer attire, with new paint, a closely cropped lawn and a profusion of flowers on the balconies and about the windows which hide a large part of the cottage from view. There is not a neater looking place along the beach drive anywhere than Mr. Child's, and there is not a less attractive looking one than General Grant's. If Mr. George Jones could realize the depressing effect of such stories on the American public, he would not keep that \$250,000 tied up in a napkin so long. He should be forced to disgorge.

"GATH" has cornered a New York politician who says: Kelly is as strong now as he has been for a good while past. He was on the down-track for some time, but the last effort of the Tammany Society, in which I helped them, was such a failure that Kelly is up again. He has several good men with him, like Augustus Schell. In any event he is still to be counted as a large quantity in New York politics.

We have forgotten John Kelly's exact weight, but it has probably fallen off some few ounces since his partner, Mr. Conkling, began to discuss a new party.

THE KHEIVIE OF EGYPT is on the make. He is so hard-up that he has determined to raise money, and the surest thing right at hand is that great lot of old ruins. He intends to fix them up, fence them in, and even go so far as to mend the roads, and then, with a clear conscience, he can charge just whatever gate-money he pleases. Obelisks, pyramids, mummied old Pharaohs and the rest have never proved a paying concern before, and it is certainly a sensible move on the part of Egypt.

A HOME INDORSEMENT is not uncommonly regarded as a good thing to have around in case of attack from the outside. Gen. Brady lives at Muncie, Ind. The Democratic paper in that city, which began by unmitigated abuse of the General, now has to remark:

So far as may be gathered from present indications there will be no evidence going to show Tom Brady has had any connection with the Star-route swindlers. It is even doubted in some quarters that any indictment will be found against him.

PEOPLE ought to be thankful, and they will be when they happen to think of it, for a happy escape. The fashion books predicted hoods, and the hoods did not come. It was to be an epidemic, but fortunately the thing did not take, and a community already groaning under a burden of clothes, may be grateful even for such a small favor. The hood in its original form is perfectly admirable, half-revealing, half-hiding a pretty face. It is one of the most bewitching bits of headgear that a woman ever assumes. But the hood as proposed by the fashion had been shorn of all its primitive graces. It was to hang down the back like a wall-pocket. Sometimes it resembled the queer things the ladies style catch-calls, and provoked the desire of the observer to drop something in. Fortunately human nature has not so utterly fallen from original righteousness as to accept unprotestingly the utterly useless, unconsciously taste revolting, at needless absurdity, and a bag hanging down the back which cannot serve for a knapsack, and is equally unsuited to act as a cover for the head, manifestly reveals itself to be a humbug. A pretty humbug might take, is indeed very taking, but an ugly humbug deserves defeat.

THE PLEASURE to be derived from hunting something seems to be the only explanation for the use of pigeons in the shooting matches. Balls can be sprung from a trap just as surely as birds—in fact, even more certainly, as springs of metal answer more directly than the trigger of a gun. The ball responds to the crack-shot with unfailing proof, and scores his work with a precision that cannot be extracted from the quivering limbs of a trapped pigeon. The much-vaunted masculine contempt for fuss and feathers might be expected to assist in the decision of this question, unless it is counteracted by a barbarous taste for blood.

"WE MIGHT AS WELL be in Russia," protested the indignant Herr Johann Most when sentenced to an English jail for sixteen months at hard labor. In the vigorous language of the London *radical*, Herr Most will consider that he has made a bloody bad business of it. That editorial "inciting to murder" should be so severely dealt with, will, perhaps, awaken other minds to the thought that ink is not the most harmless of fluids, and that a pen may be as mighty as a sword even in a hand not entirely great. Considering the mildness of the penalty, the irate editor may, however, be thankful that he is not in Russia.

NEW YORK now condescendingly mentions Philadelphia as that beautiful but mis-governed city, and the Quaker City sharply retorts that Philadelphia's many-headed government, bad as it is, is yet better than that of New York.

George Eliot's wit. The shrewd and observant wit of George Eliot made her a brilliant conversationalist among the friends with whom she felt at ease, and one of these favored companions—a daughter of the novelist Thackeray—has gathered up some of the bright flashes as they sped past. The following are given as English definitions suited, of course, to English soil:

"Radicals—Men who maintain the supposed rights of each to help ruin all."
"Liberals—Men who flatter radicals."
"Conservatives—Men who give way to radicals."

The Heroine of the Diamond Wedding.
New York Graphic.

Mrs. Frances Amelia de Ovidio, who married Don Estaban Santa Cruz de Ovidio, the wealthy Cuban plantation owner, on Oct. 13, 1859, returned from Cuba today to visit some of her old friends here. Her wedding, which took place in St. Patrick's Cathedral, was a great social event and became famous by being "written up" for all the prominent newspapers in the country. The gifts she received were valued at more than \$100,000. The bridegroom's wealth was estimated at \$500,000, and he was said to own 4,000 negroes.

Summary Punishment.
Connecticut Advertiser.

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Popular Liver Complaints.

A lady who had become convinced of the wickedness of wearing her hair crimped addressed Mr. Beecher upon the subject, and solicited his advice. While the distinguished divine confessed that he did not feel at liberty to give any advice under the circumstances, he did not intimate his belief that his hair crimpers' liver was touched. The suggestion opens up a new avenue of conjecture not only as to the extraordinary taste manifested by some females in dressing their hair but also as to the possible causes of some of the recent styles of fashions. Advocates of the standard that demands a minimum of art in dress would doubtless be greatly relieved if they could feel that such grotesque departures from simplicity were capable of correction by the use of calomel or liver-purges.

That Fellow Gibson.
National Republican.

"Why did you employ that fellow Gibson to assist the Government in the investigation of the alleged postal frauds?" asked an old friend and classmate of Wayne McVeigh a few days since. "You know he has, during the past ten years, introduced the character and vilified more prominent men than have been vomited from all other scandalous sewers in the land. He is the most notorious blackmailer and scandal-breed in America, and his official recognition is a disgrace to the Administration," continued Mr. McVeigh, who had been engaged in his services upon the principle that it is wise to employ a thief to catch a thief," replied the astute Attorney-General.

And that is Mr. McVeigh's expressed opinion of "that fellow Gibson."

Can't Understand It.
Norristown Herald.

William Sprague, of Rhode Island, has spent a fortune of \$12,000,000, left him by his father, during the last twenty years. As he didn't start a daily paper to fill a long-felt want, it is difficult to understand how he spent so much money in that period. If he employed a plumber three months a year he ought still to have a couple of thousand left.

Leg Feeler to the Crown.
Cincinnati Enquirer.

An *Enquirer* man called upon Secretary Blaine yesterday, and in the course of a friendly chat the Secretary remarked to our young man: "I got on and tipped the balance at one hundred and ninety pounds. Just feel that leg." We claim that the *Enquirer* is the only newspaper in the United States that has been permitted to feel Mr. Blaine's leg. Now is the time to subscribe.

Drifting into Personalities.
St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

There are said to be faint indications of a Logan boom for 1881 in Illinois. We feel warranted in saying that Logan, if elected, would not commence his administration by pounding the men who helped to elect him.

Late Comet Bulletin.
Indianapolis Journal.

A Cleveland astronomer has got hold of the comet and has stretched it tall to something over six millions of miles. We shall not be able to see it with the naked eye for more than two weeks longer.

Why He Saw Double.
Indianapolis Journal.

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Yankee Girl.
Vermont Patriot.

A man-drawing a woman in a wagon trudged into St. Johnsbury last week, having played horse from Waterbury, fifty-seven miles away, on a bet that he couldn't do it in three days. He beat 'em by half a day.

Important to Printers.
City Clerk.

The wise printer leaveth the Albany vote standing, but the fool passeth on, distributing it, and setteth it up again the next day.

Distant Views.
San Francisco Wasp.

As President Garfield is not what Mr. Gibson has called him, we are called upon to think that Mr. Gibson ought not to be what President Garfield has made him.

Capital to Start With.
Cincinnati Commercial.

The obvious course for Conkling is to withdraw and start a new party. His conceit is large enough for a National issue.

Susan Figured Down.
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Susan B. Anthony began preaching war in Baltimore a fine of \$1 is imposed for every utterance. Very few newspaper men live in Baltimore.

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